

**Amendments to the Claims**

This listing of claims replaces all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims

~~Claim 1.~~ (Currently amended)[[:]] ~~Writing~~ A writing instrument comprising a housing ~~(7)~~ with a reservoir ~~(2)~~ for ink ~~(9)~~ or a liquid dye, ~~and~~ a writing head ~~(4)~~ with a writing tip ~~(5)~~, ~~wherein~~ configured such that the ink ~~(9)~~ from the reservoir ~~(2)~~ can be supplied to the writing tip ~~(5)~~ for drawing or writing, ~~said writing instrument being characterized in that~~ and an information support that includes information, ~~(3) is the~~ information support being arranged in the reservoir ~~(2)~~ ~~in~~ such a way that the ink ~~(9)~~ present in the reservoir ~~(2)~~ initially hides the information on the information support ~~(3)~~, as a result of which said information becomes visible only on ~~the~~ gradual use of the ink ~~(9)~~.

~~Claim 2.~~ (Currently amended)[[:]] ~~Writing~~ The writing instrument according to claim 1, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the housing ~~(3)~~ is made of a transparent plastic material.

~~Claim 3.~~ (Currently amended)[[:]] ~~Writing~~ The writing instrument according to claim 1, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the housing

~~(7) comprises~~ includes a window ~~(6)~~, which gradually reveals a view of the information support ~~(3)~~ as the ink ~~(9)~~ is consumed.

~~Claim 4.~~ (Currently amended)[[:]] ~~Writing~~ The writing instrument according to claim 1, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the information support ~~(3) has the form of~~ is configured a part, ~~which is to be~~ held in the reservoir ~~(2)~~ with ~~the help of~~ holding devices.

~~Claim 5.~~ (Currently amended)[[:]] ~~Writing~~ The writing instrument according to claim 4, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the ~~part~~ information support is made of plastic.

~~Claim 6.~~ (Currently amended)[[:]] ~~Writing~~ The writing instrument according to claim 4, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the ~~part~~ information support has the a shape of a disk or a strip.

~~Claim 7.~~ (Currently amended)[[:]] ~~Writing~~ The writing instrument according to claim 1, ~~characterized in that it~~ wherein the writing instrument is a disposable ~~writing instrument,~~ preferably ~~a roller ball pen.~~

~~Claim 8.~~ (Currently amended)[[:]] ~~Writing~~ The writing instrument according to claim 1, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the information is imprinted on the information support ~~(3)~~.

~~Claim 9.~~ (Currently amended)[[:]] ~~Writing~~ The writing instrument according to claim 1, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the information is provided[[:]] ~~preferably imprinted~~ on an underlay[[:]] which is fixed[[:]] ~~preferably glued~~ onto the information support ~~(3)~~.

~~Claim 10.~~ (Currently amended)[[:]] ~~Writing~~ The writing instrument according to claim 9, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the underlay is a paper or a film.

~~Claim 11.~~ (Currently amended)[[:]] ~~Writing~~ The writing instrument according to claim 1, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the information is an image, an advertising text, an inscription, or a lot number ~~or the like~~.

~~Claim 12.~~ (Currently amended)[[:]] ~~Writing~~ The writing instrument according to claim 1, ~~characterized in that the~~ wherein a color of at least one of the information ~~and/or of~~ and the information support ~~(3)~~ is coordinated with ~~the~~ a coloring of the ink ~~(9)~~.

13. (New) The writing instrument according to claim 7, wherein the writing instrument is a roller ball pen.

14. (New) The writing instrument according to claim 9, wherein the information is imprinted on the underlay.

15. (New) The writing instrument according to claim 9, wherein the underlay is glued onto the information support.

16. (New) A writing instrument comprising:

a housing with a reservoir for a supply of ink or a liquid dye, at least a portion of the housing having a transparent plastic material construction;

a writing head with a writing tip configured to supply the ink from the reservoir to the writing tip for drawing or writing; and

an information support that includes information, the information support being arranged in the reservoir such that the information (i) is initially obscured from view by the supply of ink and (ii) becomes increasingly visible as the supply of ink is consumed during use.

17. (New) The writing instrument according to claim 16, wherein the information is completely visible when at least a portion of the supply of ink has been consumed.

18. (New) The writing instrument according to claim 16, wherein the housing is transparent.

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19. (New) The writing instrument according to claim 16, wherein the housing includes a transparent window.

20. (New) The writing instrument according to claim 16, wherein the information is textual or an image.